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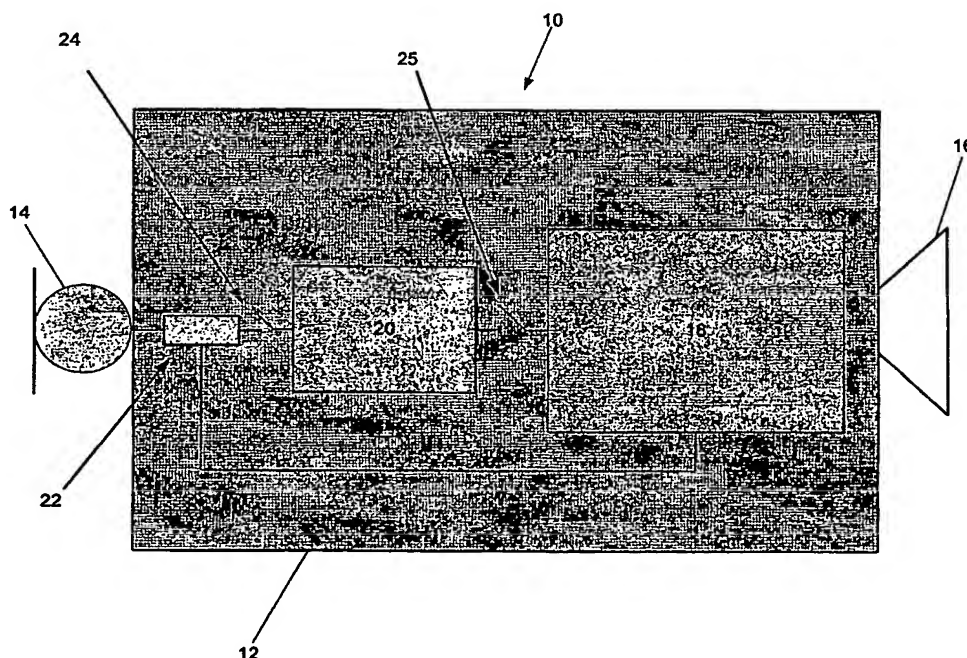
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(54) Title: **SOUND ENHANCEMENT FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED LISTENERS**



(57) Abstract: A method of enhancing sound heard by a hearing-impaired listener comprises monitoring the sound in an environment in which the listener is located; and manipulating the frequency of high frequency components of the sound in a high frequency band, with little, if any, distortion to components of the sound in a speech frequency band, to enhance spectral cues to aid the listener in sound externalisation and spatialisation.

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